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FOR ECONOMIC CRIMINALS

REF: BUCHAREST 6158

1. CHARGE FOLLOWED UP EMBASSY BUCHAREST'S PROPOSAL OF AN ISRAELI DEMARCHE CALLING FOR AN AMNESTY FOR "ECONOMIC CRIMINALS" (REFTEL) IN CONVERSATION TODAY (SEPT. 6) WITH MFA/EE DIRECTOR GOVRIN.
2. AS PROMISED, AMB. GEFEN SUBMITTED A DETAILED REPORT OF AUGUST 31 MEETING TO JERUSALEM YESTERDAY INCLUDING A RECOMMENDATION FAVORING AN ISRAELI DEMARCHE. DURING DISCUSSION TODAY GOVRIN VOICED CONCERN OVER WHETHER ROMANIANS MIGHT COUNTER DEMARCHE WITH DEMAND THAT GOI BECOME LIABLE FOR DEBTS OF THOSE AMNESTIED WHO DESIRED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL. CHARGE RESPONDED IT HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT PROPOSED AMNESTY WOULD STIPULATE TOTAL RELIEF OF DEBTS. VOICED PERSONAL VIEW THAT USG WOULD NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY UNDERSTANDING WITH GOR WHICH SHIFTED DEBT LIABILITIES TO A THIRD COUNTRY.

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3' GOVRIN SAID IF CHARGE'S UNDERSTANDING CORRECT THEN IT HIS JUDGMENT CHANCES ARE GOOD MFA WILL SUPPORT IDEA OF A DEMARCHE BY GOI EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST. MATTER IS TO BE DISCUSSED AT MINISTRY POLICY MEETING TOMORROW (SEPT. 7) AND HE HOPED HAVE SOME RESPONSE FOR US POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS FRIDAY. VIETS

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